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Insecticide released into the Green River

An unspecified amount of insecticide was released into the Green River last week.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and Wyoming Game and Fish Department are working collectively and sharing information in an effort to determine the exact course of events.

Game and Fish biologists were alerted to the situation when they received reports that there were more than 300 dead fish in the Green River, north of Daniel.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is working to determine the source of the spill, the product used and the amount of product that was spilled. The Department of Environmental Quality and Game and Fish Department have both taken samples from the affected region and will determine the necessary mitigation efforts.

The insecticide was most likely an ultra low volume insecticide. Such insecticides have been used in the United States for many years. According to similar product labels, when these insecticides are used in accordance with the rate of application and safety precautions specified on the label, they do not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. Similar products have an immediate volatile impact, but long term impacts are usually minimal.

More information will be available from these agencies as it is received.

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